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Application Number 10/072,722

Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 21-27 were pending. Claim 1 is amended and claim 2 is cancelled by this amendment. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-7 and 21-27 will be pending.

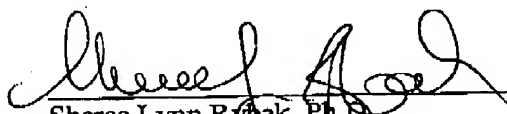
Applicants thank Examiner Baskar for talking with their representative Sheree Lynn Rybak, Ph.D. on March 12, 2004. As of this date, no advisory action has been received. During the telephone interview, it was agreed that the claims would be allowed if claims 1 and 2 were combined, and the dependent claims depend from the re-written claim. Claim 1 has been re-written to include the limitations of claim 2 solely to expedite prosecution, and Applicants preserve the right to prosecute original claim 1 in a subsequent application.

This amendment places the application in condition for immediate allowance, and Applicants therefore respectfully requests that it be entered. If the Examiner believes any minor matters remain to be resolved, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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